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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week are trending unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to about steady. Retail demand entering the weekend was mostly light to fair; food service was slow to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to fully sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light and selective. Breast items were adequate to ample, except tenders which were close balanced to short. Wings were mixed with smaller wings adequate to well cleared, and larger cuts more available. Dark meat was sufficient to close balanced and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 21-FEB-2005 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	63.00-66.00	60.00-74.00	65.94	29
New York	67.00-70.00			
Los Angeles	80.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	73.00-75.00	61.00-79.00	73.39	88

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 73.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
963	69.25-74.25	73.53

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	170.50	1,229
BREASTS - B/S	151.00	5,773
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.50	1,310
THIGH MEAT - B/S	93.00	1,058
LEG QUARTERS	32.00	7,029
WINGS	120.50	3,010

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority price for Chicago Broiler was unchanged from Monday's final majority price. Trade sentiment was steady with additional offers light for the limited interest. Retail demand was light to fair overall. Food service movement was slow to moderate with interest spotty. Floor stocks were sufficient, weights desirable to heavy. Trade activity on parts was very light and price sensitive. Supplies were in a full range; tight to ample. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on leg items, cautiously steady to weak on breast cuts and steady on balance.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand entering the weekend was slow to fair, instances moderate or better for fast food promotions and active retail ads. Supplies were usually in good balance to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate. Dark meat was in the best position with offerings sufficient to well cleared and moving. Wings were mixed, but available depending on size. Tenders continued to move well, but all other breast cuts were at least adequate with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Trading reported for next weeks' deliveries at unchanged prices on regular commitments and new negotiations at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were adequate overall with WOGs over 3 pounds in the closest balance for immediate needs. Buying activity was fair. Retailer demand was moderate best to cover features. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was about fully steady on dark meat and about steady on balance of parts.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was only fair with offerings fully adequate but not ample for trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was reported as light to fair. Food service was light to moderate, best for fast food promotions. The market tone was usually steady. In the parts complex, bone-in and boneless skinless breasts remained readily available and competitively priced. Tenders, whole thighs, boneless skinless thighs and comminuted meat were all in close balance. Large wings were available, small wings were generally well cleared. The balance of items was mostly adequate and steady.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds continued mostly slow to fair entering the weekend. Offerings were fully adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 69 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, Tenders were in good balance to closely cleared. Boneless/skinless and bone-in breasts were competitively priced in an effort to stimulate an otherwise lackluster buying interest. Leg cuts were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were ample and slow to clear, instances no more than adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	65-88
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	72.43
NO. OF BOXES	7,609
CUMULATIVE	02/14/05-02/18/05 72.44
	02/16/04-02/20/04 79.44
NO. OF BOXES	02/14/05-02/18/05 38,052
	02/16/04-02/20/04 34,151

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

FEB 18

ITEM	POUNDS				WTD	POUNDS				WTD	WEEKLY
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	
BREAST - B/S	650	125.00-210.00	-	134.40		660	125.00-208.00	-	139.85	3,258	140.51
TENDERLOINS	203	145.00-170.00	147-149	149.14		258	142.00-170.00	142-147	145.60	1,145	147.37
BREAST - LINE RUN	398	82.00-95.00	87-89	88.71		98	82.00-92.00	86-89	87.55	768	88.59
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				270	75.13
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					58	38.00-51.00	39-40	41.17	302	41.43
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	527	28.00-32.00	29-30	29.65		495	26.00-32.00	29	29.15	2,603	29.54
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,156	30.00-36.00	31-32	31.48		1,011	29.00-36.00	31	31.09	4,934	31.30
WINGS (WHOLE)	330	95.00-122.00	112-115	113.53		310	90.00-122.00	109-112	108.48	1,580	113.45
WINGS (CUT)	625	129.00-135.00	130-133	132.38		290	129.00-139.00	131-135	133.21	2,566	132.82
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				324	42.67
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				125	44.56
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					100	90.00-97.00	-	92.20	485	94.08

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS*****
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TRADING FOR FEB 17, 2005 F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE		RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE		5-DAY AVERAGE	
50.50 - 55.50		52.77		48.50 - 55.50		51.79		52.33	

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity was selective with floor stocks generally kept in close balance for weekend needs. Offerings of breast items remained readily available and competitively priced. Tenderloins were clearing satisfactorily and reported as well cleared to short. Generally, larger wings were available, smaller sizes were well cleared. Dark meat cuts were sufficient, and clearing. Movement through retail channels was light. Distributive movement was moderate to mostly light, especially for a holiday weekend. The market tone was weak on b/s breast and breast, tenders were at least steady. Balance of items were unsettled to steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

FEB 17, 2005

FEB 18, 2005

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WEEKLY
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	145-150	151.64	610,920		140-145	149.24	799,880	150.55	3,585,264
TENDERLOINS	145	140.93	168,280		145	142.46	140,120	141.32	662,480
BREAST - WITH RIBS	83-84	95.38	101,440		82-83	92.53	149,240	95.06	543,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	83	78.52	94,800		82	84.78	107,600	84.44	482,200
LEGS	44-45	45.37	189,000		44-45	42.01	307,000	43.28	1,506,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	31.45	292,384		30-31	32.49	251,406	31.67	1,646,159
DRUMSTICKS	30-31	36.45	141,120		30-31	39.27	132,120	36.84	673,090
THIGHS	37-38	44.50	67,400		37-38	46.63	59,200	45.44	307,340
B/S THIGHS	96-97	92.64	118,600		96-97	94.60	223,040	93.77	587,560
WINGS (WHOLE)	114-115	120.85	209,360		114-115	122.18	201,200	124.00	796,760
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.75	39,920		10-12	11.96	16,920	12.03	116,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	29.40	9,640		30-35	29.82	12,200	30.21	65,640
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	63.20	15,320		60-65	64.19	18,040	63.86	103,720

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
Alabama	02/18	02/17	02/16	02/15	02/16	02/15	02/11	02/09	5.20	5.20	FRESH FRYERS	97-99
Arkansas	3,862	3,957	3,645	3,863	5.23	5.26	4,190	5.08	5.08	5.08	ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
Delmarva	5,273	5,424	5,086	5,330	5.02	5.11	5,372	5.50	5.50	5.50	HENS UNDER 5#	
KY-LA-TN	2,184	2,237	2,149	2,235	5.50	5.57	1,984	5.08	5.08	5.08	HENS OVER 5#	65-73
Mississippi	2,131	2,143	2,155	2,114	5.05	5.03	2,203	5.70	5.70	5.70	DUCKS	
North Carolina	3,079	2,984	2,983	2,747	5.71	5.51	3,047	6.50	6.50	6.50	RABBITS WHOLE	
Texas	2,617	2,538	2,495	2,463	6.57	6.61	2,482	5.40	5.40	5.40	CUT UP	
Total	2,427	2,584	2,446	2,403	5.30	5.30	3,116	5.43	5.43	5.43		
Mon-Fri	21,573	21,867	20,959	21,155	5.42	5.43	22,394					
	107,902` (A)						106,311 (A)					

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Feb-05 and 19-Feb-05 is estimated to be 32,276,000 head down 3.95 percent from a week ago and up 7.10 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 33,604,000, last year 30,136,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 19-Feb-05 is estimated to be 155,985,000 head up 0.99 percent from a week ago, and up 2.43 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 154,449,000, last year 152,287,000)

<u>SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY</u>		
<u>DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</u>		
		<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	103-105
	DRY PACK	103-108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-111
	DRY PACK	111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	89-93
	DRY PACK	89-95
DUCKS		180-192

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 05-Feb-05 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
4.20 Lbs. & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs.	5.26 Lbs. & Up

Head	25,179	22,749	46,825
Avg Weight	3.68	4.78	6.53
% of total /1	27%	24%	49%

Comparisons

Last week	27,796	21,860	47,871
Avg Weight	3.70	4.77	6.42
% of total /1	29%	22%	49%

Same week, yr ago /2	26,379	27,539	42,299
Avg Weight	3.71	4.81	6.42
% of total /1	27%	29%	44%

To date/2004	126,065	103,309	236,202
To date/2003	108,267	106,059	195,981

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 12-Feb-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	THOUSANDS				
Head	154,449	1,305	1,246	2,551	45
Avg Wt	5.29	3.33	8.08	5.65	6.8
Last week	156,566	1,321	1,336	2,657	47
Same wk yr ago	152,505	1,230	1,319	2,549	45
Avg Wt	5.16	3.33	8.02	5.75	6.8
To-date/2005	937,895	8,480	7,513	15,993	3,03
To-date/2004	921,007	7,834	7,665	15,499	2.69

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.3 million head, or 5.8 million less than estimated available.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - Feb 15, 2005

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

****AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY****

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.60 - .65	Geese 9-14 LBS	.50 - .60
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.65 - .70	Pigeons	2.85 - 3.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.50 - .60	White Pigeons	3.75 - 4.00ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.70 - .90	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.10 - 1.30
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.40 - .50	Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.10 - 1.20
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies	3.50 - 5.50ea.
4-6 LBS	.40 - .50	Guinea Pigs	.50 - 1.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Goats	70.00ea.
7-11 LBS	.35 - .40	Kid Goats	35.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.70 - 1.80	Doves	3.85ea.
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 2.50ea.		
Banty Hens	1.50 - 1.75ea.	Total Coops Sold	400

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY FOR CURRENT
DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 14-FEBRUARY-2005**

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	143-145	149-151
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST MOSTLY	127-131	128-133
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ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	66.00-74.00	72.00-74.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	68.00-86.00	77.00-80.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE. DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-71.28
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12 OZ.	66.96-77.92
14 OZ.	66.96-77.92

16 OZ.	73.44-86.67
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THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT.DE.FL.GA.MA.MD.ME.NC.NH.NJ.NY.PA.RI.SC.VA.VT.WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was good. Supplies were adequate to at times close for current needs. Schedules full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.50, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 14-FEBRUARY-2005

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-134	118-139

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		MILLION HEAD		AVG WT
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT		
January	8	162.2	154.9	105%	5.35
	15	161.4	158.8	102%	5.25
	22	151.2	161.5	94%	5.33
	29	159.7	162.4	98%	5.28
February	5	158.5	162.5	98%	5.35
	12	156.3	162.1	96%	5.29
Year to date		949.3	962.2	99%	
February	19		162.8		
	26		163.4		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

<u>Shaded Inspection</u>					
-----THOUSANDS-----					
<u>W/E</u>	<u>02/19/05</u>	<u>02/12/05</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>02/21/04</u>	<u>% CHG</u>
Broilers	155,985	154,449*	+0.99	152,287*	+2.43
Cattle	576	573	+01	591*	-03
Hogs	2.075	2.030	+02	1.919*	+08

*ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for both light and heavy canners with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Offerings were generally sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules were mostly normal to less than normal. The undertone was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
28-33 MAJORITY 28-30	TOO FEW TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
30-35 MAJORITY 31-35	TOO FEW TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was at least moderate with offerings of spent hens fully sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal to less than normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-11	8-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Light hen bookings were too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Disposal costs were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings adequate to mostly fully adequate with demand light to moderate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-7	0-5

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 21-FEB-05

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was at least moderate for the generally about adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was at least steady.

RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

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